

Minutes
of the
Delaware Bicycle Council Meeting
On April 2nd, 2000
DelDOT Administration Bldg. Dover. DE

Representatives Present:

Don Carbaugh, Chairman and New Castle County Representative.
Carl Anderson, At-Large Representative.
Bill Boyd, At-Large Representative.
Jim Ippolito, Sussex County Representative.
Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health.
John Baker, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.
Rocky Bushweller, Council on Transportation.
Dan LaCombe, Delaware Department of Transportation.

Staff Support Present:

Elizabeth Holloway, DelDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.
Frederick (Fritz) Schranck, DelDOT Deputy Attorney General.
David Petrosky, DelDOT Assistant Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

Guests:

Joe Cantalupo, DelDOT Statewide and Regional Planning.
Jay Kelley, Delaware Department of Transportation.

Representatives Absent:

Paul Stevenson, New Castle County Representative.
Jana Simpler, Office of Highway Safety.
Tom Hartley, Kent County Representative.
Bill Davis, At-Large Representative.
Kirk Phillips, Department of Public Safety Representative.
Open Position, Council on Greenways and Trails.
Open Position, Department of Education.

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Don C. started the meeting by welcoming all and introducing the new faces at the table.

The first was Rocky Bushweller who has been recently appointed to serve as the Council on Transportation's liaison to the Delaware Bicycle Council. Rocky is a Dover resident who cycles with her family. She is employed by the YMCA and is excited about being a part of the DBC.

Our next new face is Carl Anderson. Carl has been a recreational cyclist for the last 18-20 years and is now sitting on the Council as an At-Large Representative. He is a resident of New Castle County and this was his first meeting with the DBC although he has already been attending the meetings of the Bike Month Committee, where he has been helping us organize events and coordinating support.

Our third new face is James (Jay) Kelley. Jay is a DelDOT employee who can be found in the Road Design section where he is an engineer. He has been working on updating Chapter 10 of the Design manual, which deals with Design issues for Bicyclists and Pedestrians Safety. He is a prospective new member who would act as the liaison between Road Design and the Bike Council.

Our last new face belonged to Joe Cantalupo. Joe is the Director of the Office of Statewide and Regional Planning (S&RP). Both Liz Holloway and Dave Petrosky work in his section of the Division of Planning. Joe wanted to come and meet/see the council and get a feel for what the council is about. He also

wanted to discuss the reorganization of the Division of Planning and what effect it will have on some of the Bicycle related programs and projects that S&RP was working on.

We welcome our new members, prospective candidates and guests and invite them to return again and again.

Council Membership Updates:

Don C. gave us a brief update on the Status of the Council Membership. Fred Breukelman (Dept. of Public Health) and Paul Stevenson (New Castle Co. Rep.) have been re-appointed for their positions for another term. Rocky Bushweller and Carl Anderson have just been appointed to serve their first terms. (Council on Transportation and At-Large Rep. respectively). Jay Kelley is in the nomination process as the DelDOT Rep. to replace Dan Lacombe whose term has expired.

We still have openings in two of our fifteen seats, Greenways and Trails Representative and Public Instruction Representative

Council Chairmanship:

Don C. our current Council Chair announced that the Chairmanship of the Council was up for reassignment. It is a one-year term and according to the Legislature the individual must be selected from the citizen representatives. Don C. was willing to give the position to anyone who wanted a turn but agreed to do another term if no one else was willing. Motion for Don's reelection by Jim I., seconded by Bill B., Passed by all. Congratulations Don on another Term.

Guest Speaker: Joe Cantalupo, DelDOT Division of Planning, Director of Office of Statewide and Regional Planning (S&RP) and the Statewide Bicycle Plan.

Joe Cantalupo who was sitting in on the meeting, talked for a few minutes about the reorganization of the Division of Planning and the effect that this would have on the Bicycle and Pedestrian issues that S&RP works on. S&RP is responsible for maintaining the Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP) and for helping the MPOs and Sussex County to maintain their Long-Range Transportation Plans as well. The restructuring of DelDOT took Liz H. and Dave P. out of Project Development and into S&RP where they will be able to better focus on Bicycle and Pedestrian planning for both the long term and the short term as well as have more time for advocacy. Joe explained that a large part of the focus for the S&RP section was in developing multi-modal plans such as the Statewide Bicycle Plan. Liz H. Manages the Bike/Ped. pool of projects and both she and Dave P. are involved in making recommendations on new construction and development that result in more transportation options for the individual. RBA is the consulting firm that will be working with DelDOT to shape up a scope of work and help in developing hand off packages that have strong Multi-modal facilities. Joe reported that the Statewide Bicycle Plan should be well detailed within a month or so and that DelDOT would appreciate the Council's input and comments. Bill B. expressed the interest of the Council in seeing a Statewide Bike Plan. Jim I. Expressed concern that DelDOT sees cycling as recreation and not transportation. Joe C. commented that it takes a long time to change a mind set, pointing out that we have come a long way but still have a way to go. Fritz pointed out that DelDOT comments on Bike and Ped. issues on almost all proposals and TIS' that leave the building but that all developers and engineering firms do not share the same attitude towards Multi-modal design. John Baker expressed his concern that the Statewide Bicycle Plan in corporate both urban and sub-urban areas with on road and off road alignments. Don C. noted that the Council has held special meetings before and that if necessary could do it again to review this Plan. Joe C. thought that would be great, as he would like the Council's endorsement of the Plan.

II. Old Business:

Newsletter and Web Page:

Dave P. reported that the Newsletter was near completion and would be ready for printing in a week or so.

The webpage is doing well and has a list of Rides for 2000 on it but needs more. The Council would also like to update the Membership information and add pictures and Bios of our new members if possible.

Bike Map Update:

Liz H. Reported that the Kent/Sussex map was at the printers and hard copies should be available soon. It is available on line at www.bike.map.com. She is taking comments and suggestions on the New Castle County Maps as she and Dave P. will be starting their development in the early summer.

Meeting with MD Bicycle Advisory Committee:

There is no new news. Don C. reported that he plans to go to one of their meetings near the middle of the year and then to coordinate a joint meeting between them and DE.

Advocacy Workshop:

There is no new news.

Bicycle Commute Guide:

Dave P. reported on the progress of the Bicycle Commute Guide. He has secured funding for the acquisition of the digital version. The next step is to work out the revisions that will make it Delaware specific. He is also searching for funding for the printing costs so that once we have it we can print it in time for Bike Month. It should be ready by Bike Month.

Bicycling Advocates Award Program:

Don C. spoke for Paul S. who could not make it to the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts and the belated printing of the Newsletter the awards ceremony will not take place at the end of The Legislators Bike to Dover Ride. Don C. Re-capped briefly for our new members explaining that the Council plans to initiate an award program to recognize those who do an excellent job advocating cycling in Delaware. There is a nomination process that leads to the presentation of two awards. One award would be presented for an individual and one for a corporation or group. The original plan was to have them be presented by the Governor at the completion of the Legislators Ride.

III. Task Updates:

Effective Cycling:

Don C. reported for Paul S. that a modified Kids Course would be held on Sat April 8th 2000. Liz H. will be offering a series of Thursday courses starting on April 13th 2000 through Kent County Parks and Rec. Contact her for more information. Liz also mentioned that DART would be holding their annual Bus Driver training at Rehoboth and Wilmington Park and Ride locations. This program helps to educate Bus Drivers who share the bus lanes with cyclists. Jim I. noted that the interaction between busses and cyclists in the beach resort areas had gotten better but that it was a long way from perfect. Don C. expressed the Council's general concern over the lack of cycling facilities from Rehoboth to Dewey. Joe C. explained that some of the things involved with the SR1 Grid study would define connections in the upcoming months that would help to alleviate some of these problems in this area.

Park Pedalers:

John B. reported on this topic and reviewed the success of the program at Cape Henlopen State Park for the benefit of our new faces. He explained that Bellevue State Park in Claymont was the next Park in line for the addition of a bike program. There are currently several administrative issues on Bike storage and regulation that need to be met before the program can be implemented. The bikes need to be near where people are parking and the park office is not located near the parking facilities. Funding is being gathered at this time and we should see bikes in Bellevue in the near future.

Bike Month:

A Bike Month meeting was held at DelDOT just before the Council meeting and Bill B. and Dave P. reported on the activities etc. that are being lined up. T-Shirts, an event calendar, promotion in the Bike Council newsletter, a poster/flyer, and newspaper publicity are all planned to help get the word out about our many events. Some of these events include: The Legislators Ride, Bellevue Bicycle Day and Rodeo, 1st Annual Horseshoe Crab Ride, Fist Union Pro Cycling Race, Effective Cycling Courses, WCBC beginners and intermediate weekday evening rides and a Bicycle Rodeo at Fairfield Park in Newark. John Baker reported that it would be difficult to close a road to automobiles in a different State Park each weekend and that instead we had decided to close the Cauffiel connector for the Bicycle Day and Rodeo in Bellevue. Joe

C. asked what was so great about closing a road so cyclist could use it? Fred B. and Liz H. answered that it provides a pleasant and safe riding experience, allows short trails to be extended into longer distances and that it is just something different that cyclists seem to enjoy.

IV. New Business:

4H Bike Adventures:

Liz H. reported on a publication being put out by 4H for kids about Bike safety. The books that are scheduled to be ready in August are filled with activities and games for kids and run \$2.00 a copy. Liz H. brought this up for the Council to consider setting up funds in the next budget to address safety information for children. Children's safety and Bikes is sadly neglected in DE and it would be nice if the Council could help spearhead an effort to make safety a priority. NJ DOT has an excellent website for Kids and Bikes. The Council's consensus was to address this issue in the future.

American Discovery Trail:

Jim I. reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony at Cape Henlopen State Park for the Grand Opening of the American Discovery Trail on April 4th 2000. The Governor, local Legislators and a healthy showing of interested citizens attended the ceremony. The American Discovery Trail is one of 52 trails nationwide designated as a Millennium Trail and runs from the East Coast of Delaware across the country to California's West Coast. The Millennium Trails Initiative is a joint effort of The White House Millennium Council, The USDOT, and The Rails to Trails Conservancy. Delaware is also home to the Coastal Heritage Greenway, which has also been designated as a Millennium Trail. For more information visit www.Millenniumtrails.com.

V. Committee Reports:

Safety and Education:

Fred B. Apologized for his lack of commitment to the Safety and Education committee but he has had a heavy work load lately but he is ready to go and is looking for volunteers for the committee.

Publicity and Promotion:

There was no report.

Transportation:

Dan L. reported on the status of the policy implement related to preserving Bicycle shoulders and facilities for cyclists. He stated that there were a few minor changes to be made to the wording and then it has to be presented to the PDC. It was stalled within DelDOT for a little while due to the internal configurations within the department. This policy would work with other existing state laws and policies that work in favor for cyclist's rights, and cycling facilities. Anne Canby is strongly in favor of the adoption of this policy so it is important to get it in.

Recreation:

There was no report.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm